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2. Between 3 and 5 April 1955, Polish military personnel of an undetermined branch of service who were known as [REDACTED], on the collars of their blouses, crossed-rifle insignia and another [REDACTED] representing a shell with a flame were observed in the streets of Gdingen (a [REDACTED])

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3. Prior to September 1953, a barracks installation of low barracks was observed from the Oder River in Glegau (O 52/B 77). It was known among the Oder bargemen that the installation quartered Polish engineer troops [redacted]

The installation was located on the western end of the strip of land which was formed by the Oder River and the so-called Old Oder River, and west of the railroad bridge.³

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4. Prior to the summer of 1953, a large number of pentons was constantly observed at the riverside training ground in Podejuch (O 54/Q 55). Numerous aiming silhouettes were observed on the western bank of the Oder River opposite the riverside training ground. The largest Polish engineer training ground on that section of the Oder River which extended from Cosel (P 51/X 98) to Stettin was allegedly located in Podejuch. Another engineer training ground was known to be in Brieg (P 51/H 89) where penton bridges were frequently constructed over the Oder River.

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6. On 30 March 1955, it appeared that, on 22 March 1955, a young German born in November 1936, was required to report to an agency in Sensburg (R 54/A 27) where he was found healthy. The same man was subjected to a registration in the preceding year.⁶ 25X1

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5. Comment. Under normal conditions, the 1935 class is due to be inducted as late as the fall of 1955. Other unsubstantiated information indicates that members of the 1935 class have been inducted as early as the spring of this year. 25X1
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1. [redacted] in late February, the former free port in Stettin (O 54/Q 55) was completely vacated by the Soviets who dismantled and took with them all tracks of the port railroad system, all wires and ropes, and the entire lighting installations in the port area and the sheds. [redacted] the cranes in the area of the former free port were also subjected to dismantling. Subsequently, no activity was observed in this area. A new wharf installation which included two whipping cranes and was run by the Soviets was allegedly located on the western bank of the Oder River opposite the grain silo. This section was guarded by Soviet military sentries.¹ 25X1
2. Between 3 and 5 April 1955, Polish military personnel of an undetermined branch of service who wore khaki uniforms and, on the collars of their blouses, crossed-rifle insignia and another insignia, representing a shell with a flame were observed in the streets of Gdingen (Q 55/P 44).² 25X1
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